



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Matter of the Application of: G. Chou et al.

For: Method and Apparatus for Induction Heat Treating Electrical Contacts

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the second Office Action mailed October 10, 2003 (Paper No. 6) for the above identified application. This reply is being filed within the first month after expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. A separate petition and fee for a one month extension of time, which resets the deadline for response to February 10, 2004, is being filed concurrently with this reply.

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